

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY
TO THE
STATE AND CONSUMER SERVICES AGENCY
RELATED TO THE BUDGET**

Agenda Item No. 5

Meeting Date: July 27, 2005

Summary: The attached resolution would delegate authority to the State and Consumer Services Agency ("Agency"), allowing it to assume the primary responsibility of initially reviewing the Department's budget and permitting the Agency to delegate some of these functions to the Department of Technology Services ("Department"), when appropriate.

As a practical matter, pursuant to the proposed delegation of authority, on or before September 15, Agency will recommend budget proposals to the Department of Finance on behalf of the Board. Such action will constitute the trigger for the statutory 60 day period for review of the Department's budget by the DOF. DOF will report its recommendations back to the Agency within 60 days. No earlier than November 15, and no later than December 15, the department will propose a final budget to the Board for final action. That approved budget will be forwarded to the Governor's Office for consideration and inclusion in the Governor's Budget.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 05-07-01

Department Recommendation: The Department recommends that the Board adopt the resolution. Delegating the budget review and initial approval process to the Agency will allow the Board to concentrate on its policy and oversight role of the DTS and allow the Agency and the Department to carry out budget related responsibilities and functions between Board meetings. The resolution does not deprive the Board of its ultimate authority to consider and approve the Department's budget.

Background

The Governor's Reorganization Plan 2 provides that the Board is vested with the responsibility of determining the DTS budget within the Executive Branch, at least insofar as the powers of DTS' parent agency and the Department of Finance are concerned.

Historically, both data centers have submitted "workload growth" capacity budget change proposals to meet the ongoing and typical growth for customers' workload increases. These requests have typically focused around the capacity needs for the mainframe processing platform for the Central Processing Unit (CPU), Direct Access Storage Devices (DASD Storage), Mid-Range Platform (client servers, file servers and miscellaneous processors and associated devices) and, the telecommunications network (larger "pipes," switches and other miscellaneous devices). As a result, numerous agreements and documents must be executed in order to carry out the Board's budget responsibilities and functions.

Presentation of each and every matter pertaining to budget related matters to the Board would require extensive time and effort on the part of both the Board and members of the Department. The Board meets infrequently. If matters which arise between meetings must await a Board meeting for approval, necessary activities may be delayed. Delegating the primary staff work on budget matters to the Agency is an efficient mechanism for producing an annual budget, particularly in the absence of a dedicated staff to the Board itself.

Fiscal Information

Not applicable.

List of Attachments

None.

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